HMS Endeavor Chapter

Mrs. V. J. Bell Again Regent

Mrs. V. J. Bell, Saanichton, was re-elected regent of H.M.S. Endeavor Chapter, IODE, at the recent annual meeting of the organization held in Sidney.

Fund-raising activities included a centennial fashion show, raffles and teas, operation of the tearoom concession at Sandown Park during Sidney Day, and participation in the annual Shower of Dimes. Among those receiving donations during the year were the European Relief Fund, the Elderly Ladies' Home in Vancouver, and the Government House Fund.

Other executive members elected were: Mrs. J. S. Gurton, first vice-president; Mrs. G. Ward, second vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Cummins, secretary; Mrs. N. E. West, assistant secretary; Mrs. R. J. McLellan, treasurer; and Mrs. F. Reid, standard bearer.

MUSIC TALK

Music in Early Victoria will be the subject of an address by Dr. Dorothy Blakey Smith, staff member of the Provincial Archives on Wednesday at the meeting of the Women's Canadian Club of Victoria at 2.30 in the Empress Hotel.

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Swiss Mrs. Sees the World

She Misses Cheese Fondue

It was purely love of adventure and a desire to see the world that brought Charlotte Pedergnana to Canada from her native Switzerland just one year ago.

In Montreal last February she joined the staff of the German speaking paper, the Montreal Courier and stayed there until July. Then across the country to Calgary because she wanted to see the Calgary Stampede.

In Calgary she had a variety of jobs, ranging from baby sitting, to a construction job. She took a job as a waitress at one time but found that pretty stiff if, to use her own words, you don't really know what you're doing.

MET HUSBAND

In Edmonton she met the man she was to marry a few months ago and has been to Winnipeg since then and also motored to the coast through the Okanagan Valley.

Charlotte started free lancing or writing for a newspaper at the age of 15. The fact that her father is city editor of one of the papers in a town near Zurich helped in this respect but she also worked for the rival paper later.

She wrote articles on movies, theatre and also fashions.

Canadian women take life easier but at the same time seem to rush around more than Swiss women, Charlotte thinks. At home she says women spend more time preparing meals as the average housewife cannot afford to buy tinned or other prepared goods very often.

PLENTY OF ELECTRICITY

Although Switzerland has plenty of electricity and most cooking is done by this medium or by gas the average home does not have such modern electrical appliances as found in most Canadian homes.

For instance, an electric iron would be found in most homes but only a few would have a steam iron. Just too expensive for the wage earner.

It is possible to dress better and more economically in Canada, Charlotte finds. In Switzerland they just don't market cheaper materials and so a purchase of even a sweater is something that is going to last for quite some time.

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CHARLOTTE PEDERGNANA

SMOKED SAUSAGE

Asked what she missed most here Charlotte was quick with her reply—cheese fondue and smoked sausage.

And to make the cheese fondue for two the way she likes it you heat a cup of white wine — the wine on the dry side—in an earthenware saucepan. Add two to three cups of Swiss chees (Emmenthaler) and Gruyere, equal parts, grated, and one small glass of Kirsch. Keep at low heat until mixture bubbles.

OLD CUSTOM

The way the Swiss eat the fondue is by breaking a bite-size piece of bread and with a long fork dip the bread in the mixture. It is an old custom that if anyone loses their bread in the fondue they have to produce a bottle of wine.

Charlotte plays the violin, likes to paint and being a Swiss, naturally likes to ski.

Mustn't Be Rude

CANTON, Ill. (UPI)—Canton's 432 Girl Scouts quit en masse to join the Camp Fire Girls.

The girls switched for a "number of reasons," among them that the professional staff of the local Scouts' Council had been "very rude" to Scout leaders.

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Debbie 'Closes Door' Doesn't Hold Grudge

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Debbie Reynolds, closing the door on romance as she began to rebuild her life, said yesterday she holds no grudge against ex-husband Eddie Fisher and actress Elizabeth Taylor and wishes them "all happiness possible."

"I believe that bygones are bygones that should be forgotten," Miss Reynolds said. "What's over is over. I hold no grudge."

The perky actress appeared in excellent spirits as she hurried preparations to leave for Spain as soon as work on her latest picture, "Say One For Me," is completed.

She obtained an interlouctory divorce decree from Fisher Thursday, paving the way for the boyish singer to marry Miss Taylor.

Fisher was silent on his marriage plans but friends said the wedding would not take place until May at the earliest —and then outside of California for legal reasons.

Whatever Eddie and Liz plan, Miss Reynolds wished them well.

"I wish them all the happiness possible and whatever else they want from life," she said. "I am very happy and content myself."

The actress said romance "is the least interesting thing in my life," but that her current contentment did not come easily.

"It took a tremendous amount of adjustment," she said, "but now I am a whole person with a lot to live for. I am happy.

"Anger, vengeance and grudges only hurt yourself—not the people you feel that way about," she said.

"And self pity is worse. The sooner you rid yourself of those feelings—and I have — the better off you are.

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